

Medicare Resources

Turning 65 and Eligible for Medicare

Enroll online at:

www.SocialSecurity.gov

or in person at:

Social Security Administration

1440 Wakarusa Dr., Ste 200

Lawrence, KS 66049

Call 1-866-698-2561 for an appointment.

Or

15375 W. 95th St., Lenexa, KS 66214

800-772-1213

Information on Medicare Supplements at:

<http://www.ksinsurance.org/consumers/medicare.htm>

Compare Drug Plans and Medicare Advantage Plans:

Medicare Website www.medicare.gov

- Step-by-step instructions can be found at <http://www.maraisdescyignes.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=54> (Hot Topics – How to Use the Drug Plan Finder)
- Call Area Agency on Aging Information at 1-800-633-5621 or ECKAAA-Ottawa 1-785-242-7200; SHICK Hotline at 800-860-5260, or local SHICK Counselor.

(Have **Medicare card** and **list of medications** including dosage and quantity available.)



SHICK Counselors provide free, unbiased, confidential information on Medicare, Medicare Supplement Insurance, Long-Term Care, and other health insurance subjects that concern older Kansans.

The goal is to educate and assist the public to make informed decisions on what's best for them.

East Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging

132 S. Main

Ottawa, KS 66067

Phone: (785) 242-7200 or (800) 633-5621

Ask for SHICK counseling

4-6 Months before your month of eligibility:

- Confirm your eligibility for Medicare benefits.
 - Contact the Social Security Administration
(Railroad retirees contact the Railroad Retirement Board)
- Review your current health insurance to see what happens after you become eligible for Medicare
 - Contact your HR Department or current insurer
- Find out what Medicare covers and the different options for coverage
 - Contact SHICK or attend a local New to Medicare or Medicare Basics program

3 months before your month of eligibility:

The following steps MAY not be necessary for everyone

- Decide which Medicare option is best for you
 - Contact SHICK or attend a local New to Medicare or Medicare Basics program
- Check with your doctor(s) to see if they accept the different types of Medicare coverage
 - Contact your providers and local hospitals

1-3 months before your month of eligibility:

The following steps MAY not be necessary for everyone

- Enroll in Medicare A and B
 - Contact your local Social Security office or enroll online @ www.ssa.gov
 - If you are continuing work, enrolling in Part B may not be your best option
- Enroll in a Medicare Supplement Plan OR a Medicare Advantage (MA) Plan
 - You only need one of these options. Do NOT enroll in both a Supplement and MA plan
 - Contact an insurance agent to enroll in a Supplement – shop with SHICK counselor
 - Contact SHICK for assistance in choosing a MA plan or supplement.
- Enroll in a Part D Prescription Drug Plan
 - Enroll online or contact SHICK for assistance
 - If you are enrolled in a MA plan that includes drug coverage, do not enroll in a Part D plan

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